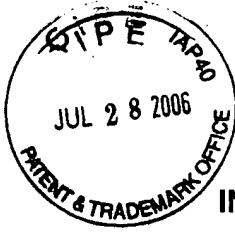


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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/635,017 ) Examiner: A. Ramana  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the  
Election of Species requirement dated June 23, 2006. Please charge the fee of  
\$120.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916, grant any further extensions of time  
required to enter this response, and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

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